

## Message Text

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AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMCONSUL BOMBAY POUCH  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 0646

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, MMOL, IN, SW  
SUBJECT: INDIAN ACQUISITION OF A DEEP PENETRATION  
STRIKE AIRCRAFT (DPSA)

REF: NEW DELHI 2291

1. OCCASIONAL MENTION IN SWEDISH PRESS OF POSSIBLE  
VIGGEN SALES TO INDIA INDICATE THAT SWEDISH HOPES ARE  
NOT DEAD. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL, ON FEB. 10  
DEFATT AND DCM LUNCHEDED WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE  
GUNNAR NORDBECK, AND SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE VIGGEN SALES  
CAME UP BECAUSE OF RECENT PRESS STORIES.

2. NORDBECK EXPRESSED IN GUARDED TERMS POSSIBILITY  
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THAT SWEDEN MIGHT MAKE SALES TO INDIA BECAUSE INDIA  
MIGHT PREFER A NEUTRAL COUNTRY SOURCE. DCM NOTED THAT  
WHEN VIGGEN MANUFACTURER, SAAB-SCANIA, HAD ASKED  
INFORMAL USG VIEW IN 1976 ON US APPROVAL FOR SWEDISH  
SALES TO INDIA, ANSWER HAD BEEN NEGATIVE. DCM SAID  
THAT IF GOS HAD INTENTION OF RAISING THIS MATTER WITH  
USG, PRIOR EXPERIENCE INDICATED IT SHOULD ALLOW AMPLE

LEAD-TIME.

3. COMMENT: NORDBECK WAS CAREFUL IN WHAT HE SAID, OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE SWEDEN CLEARLY DOES NOT HAVE POSITIVE INDIAN DECISION ON VIGGEN IN HAND (EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS 36-MAN INDIAN DELEGATION NOW IN SWEDEN). THE RECENT PUBLIC DEBATE ABOUT SWEDISH ARMS SALES ABROAD (STOCKHOLM 557) IS ANOTHER REASON FOR GOS PRUDENCE IN COMMENTING. WE SHOULD ADD, HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD CURRENT DISCUSSIONS ACTUALLY RESULT IN A REQUESTED VIGGEN SALE TO INDIA, THE EMBASSY HAS NO DOUBT THAT GOS WILL STRONGLY DEFEND THE DECISION AS BEING IN STRICT ACCORD WITH ARMS EXPORT POLICY.

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